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COME ONE, COME ALL - (AT LEAST, THE FIRST 50 WHO RESPOND)! Come spend some fun time with your fellow retirees on a bus to Wild Horse Pass Casino in Chandler, Arizona.

COST: \$15/per person payable to CTRA, sent to Trinie Rivera, 806 E. Bilby, Tucson, AZ 85706

WHEN: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

WHERE: Wild Horse Pass Casino, Chandler, AZ

Take the bus and leave the driving to them ☺

You will receive \$25 in coupons from the casino upon arrival. This is limited to the first 50 who sign up. If we have more than 50, we might have to get a second bus.

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION, WILD HORSE PASS CASINO
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018**

A DAY @ THE CASINO - \$15.00 per person

MEMBER _____

MBR/GUEST _____ MBR/GUEST _____

NUMBER _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTRA

Mail reservations and check to: **TRINIE RIVERA, VICE CHAIR**
806 E BILBY, Tucson, AZ 85706 - Telephone (520) 294-7476

A NOTE FROM THE RETIREMENT OFFICE

The Retirement Office receives numerous calls from Retirees regarding their current pension check. It seems the net amounts have increased which is cause for concern for some people. It was suggested that each Retiree check their pension statement (accessed at <https://azcot-ess.hostams.com/webapp/PRDESS1X1/ESS>. If changes are necessary, a new completed tax withholding form would be required, to effect changes. The form can be found online at [https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/finance/Tax Withholding.pdf](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/finance/Tax%20Withholding.pdf). You could also call Jamie Leon-Guerrero at 791-4598 or email at TSRS@tucsonaz.gov to request a form.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME! ***NEW TIME***

GOLF ACTIVITY - Golf group meets each Tuesday of the month. Call RICHARD WILEY at 603-9712 if you are interested. RICHARD will provide information on golf course and tee times. Golf Dates: March 6, 14, 20 and 27, 2018.

BREAKFAST - Friday, March 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m., IHOP, 4187 N Oracle Rd.



LUNCHEON SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 21, 2018 and APRIL 18, 2018

March luncheon will be held at CHEDDAR'S SCRATCH KITCHEN - EL CON MALL, 3455 E BROADWAY, TUCSON, AZ 85716

April luncheon will be held at ABUELA'S COCINA MEXICANA, 60 N ALVERNON, TUCSON, AZ - this is a NEW restaurant! Your Board tried it out recently and loved it! Come join us for fun, food and laughter!

RECENT RETIREES

MARK BRAZIL - Water
CHARLES ERVIN - Parks & Rec.
BAIRD GREENE - City Attorney
DAVID HOOD - City Courts
ANDREW MCGOVERN - Transportation
FRANCES ROBSON - Public Safety Comm.
LINDA STONEHOCKER - Police

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DAVID RUDOLPH – Reinstated, Spouse of Deceased Member

IN MEMORIAM

“Deepest Sympathy to the families of our dear friends who recently passed away. We know no amount of time can prepare us for loss, and no one can fully understand their sorrow - But many hearts are with the families hoping they will have the strength needed to get through this difficult time.”



Non-Member Deaths:

Geryl Mann, February 3, 2018
William Mohr, February 5, 2018
Fern Branum, February 8, 2018
James Allen, February 9, 2018
Janice Cain, February 16, 2018

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following two members who have become CTRA Lifetime Members by attaining the age of 80. Thanks for being such loyal members!.

DAN LOWE, retired from Water

ROMELIA VALENCIA, retired from Unknown

JOE SANCHEZ, retired from Waste Mgmt

Current Executive Board

2016/2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, Chair (575-8780)

TRINIE RIVERA, Vice Chair (294-7476)

CLAUDIA BUFORD, Treasurer (909-5992)

LYDIA CHACON, Secretary (889-7932)

LOIS RIOS, Outreach (326-3021)

BILL LETTMODEN, Membership (575-8780)

JIM WYSOCKI, TSRS Retiree Rep. (749-9326)

CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, Newsletter Editor (575-8780)

AGATHA ANAYA Past Chair (889-3690)

JOHN O'HARE, TSRS Liaison (250-6003)



Fun Facts About St Patrick's Day

1. It used to be a dry holiday in Ireland because it was a religious holiday and bars closed for the holiday - until 1970 when the holiday was converted to a national holiday and bars could stay open.
2. It's the thought that counts - not every city has a long parade for St Patrick's Day. Hot Springs, Arkansas holds the worlds shortest parade of 98 feet (between pubs).
3. The world runs up quite a bar tab on St Patrick's Day! A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for St Patrick's day was \$245 million, before tips.

TO ALL CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES

The voice of CTRA is most effective when it serves as the voice of many especially when the Association works to maintain and protect our Pension System
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

CTRA MEMBERSHIP:

____ APPLICATION ____ RENEWAL

DATE _____

NAME _____

BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

DATE HIRED BY CITY _____

DEPARTMENT _____

DATE RETIRED _____

DEPARTMENT _____

____ Enclosed is \$6 for Annual Dues
(Make check payable to CTRA)

COMPLETE ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION

____ I authorize deduction of \$.50 per month
from pension check

COT EMPLOYEE # OR LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY

(REQUIRED by City Pension Office)

SIGNATURE _____
(Required for Payroll Deduction)

**MAIL TO: Bill Lettmoden, CTRA Membership
11130 N Waite Rd
Marana, AZ 85653**

This is the time of year we used to start soliciting for candidates for the upcoming election. However, since membership voted to change to a calendar year rather than a fiscal year, the election process won't officially begin for a few more months. That doesn't mean that you can't start thinking about participating in YOUR organization. Please contact one your Board members if you are interested in participating.

**MARCH LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21, 2018
12:00 NOON**

CHEDDAR'S SCRATCH KITCHEN

**3455 E BROADWAY
TUCSON, AZ 85716**

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen serves made-from-scratch goodness in a welcoming place. Enjoy House Smoked Baby Back Ribs, hand-battered Country Fried Chicken, Scratch Burgers, Homemade Onion Rings. Come have some fun with fellow retirees! You'll be glad you did!

A DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOR ONE FREE LUNCHEON (Max. of \$15.00)

A message from your Chair:

Greetings! Happy Almost Spring!!!!
You may have noticed a bit of a change in the format of the newsletter. There were some important events or items that needed to be seen immediately so they were put on the front page. It actually presents a bit of a challenge for you, finding items in which you are interested. Your Board is working arduously to find fun and educational things to do each month. Trinie Rivera, your Vice Chair, is very good at finding new and different places for our monthly luncheons. We are looking at new and exciting events for the summer, so stay tuned. Meanwhile, have a Happy St Patrick's Day, a glorious Easter and a wonderful Spring.

On another note, rumors abound about possible "unblending" of the retirees' insurance with the City from the Employees' insurance. However, I heard from the Interim HR Director that there are no plans to "unblend" anything in the near future. I will keep you apprised of any new developments on this issue since it affects many of our retirees.

